



St. Anne's Parish

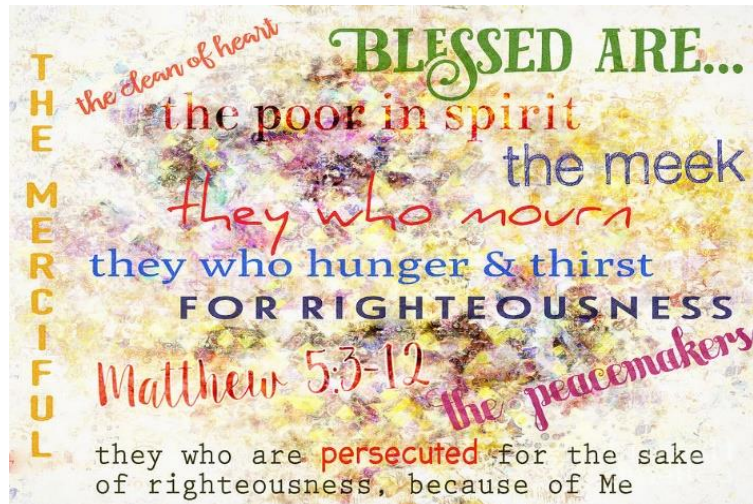
Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

Masses this week: No masses this week.

Confessions: Sat 4.30pm and before masses.

All services are streamed live online



Parish Office: Open Mon to Fri 9am to 1pm
Parish WhatsApp Group – Keep up to date with what is happening in our parish community. Text your name and number to 07714691281 to be added to our WhatsApp group.

Your Giving

This w/end - **Weekly Offering & Renovation Fund**

Why not set up a **Standing Order**. You can download the forms from our website...or **Donate Online** to St. Anne's Parish **A/C No. 07707787 Sort Code 93 83 00**

Last W/ends Collection:

Weekly Offering: £833.50 Loose £272.15

A "**Digital Collection Plate**" for those who wish to donate using Credit or Debit Cards is now available. It is "contactless", and you can also Gift Aid your donation. It's so simple!

Foodbank

The Foodbank Team would like to thank you for your generosity over the past year. The collection boxes will be outside the church from 10am to 4pm each day.

We Remember Them

Anniversary: Joseph & Kathleen McAloone, William (Billy) Craig.

Safeguarding Training Dates for 2023

New dates have been added to the training Calendar for 2023.

<https://downandconnorsafeguarding.com/available-training/>



Beloved Disciples

Spirituality for the
Autumn of Life

"Old age, is where wisdom is woven, which in turn illuminates the lives of younger generations and the entire community."
Pope Francis

Why not take some time this February/March to join us for the Beloved Disciples Programme which explores and celebrates the gifts that older people bring to our Church community. It reminds us that there is no such thing as retirement from the Kingdom of God and that we are called to discipleship at every age in our lives.

The programme, designed for the over 60's runs for 4 weeks. Over a cup of tea/coffee there will be opportunities for talking and listening and sharing what our faith means to us as we continue our journey seeking to grow in the love of Christ and others. The programme for women, will begin on Friday 10th February at 11:00am at Living Church 120 Cliftonville Rd, Belfast, and will conclude on Friday 3rd March. Each session will be approximately one hour long and will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne from the Living Church Office. We look forward to welcoming you!
To Book Contact Claire: Tel: 028 9069 0920
Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

St Brigid's Day Lecture

Date: Wednesday 1st February at 7.30pm

Venue: St Bride's Parish Centre (38 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast)

Guest Speaker: Michael Kelly (Editor of The Irish Catholic)

Theme: "When the Son of Man comes will he find faith on earth?
- the future of Irish Catholicism"

All Welcome!

St Brigid is calling!

Come and learn all about Ireland's patroness, and how to make the iconic St Brigid's cross! The Saint Patrick Centre in partnership with Brigid Watson, of Sustainable Journeys Ireland, is hosting a Legacy of St Brigid Experience on February 1st and February 4th in Downpatrick. Refreshments, and exhibition IMAX film are included. Ticket information is available at the Saint Patrick Centre 02844 619000 or book online <https://sustainablejourneysireland.com>

In the Spirit of Saint Brigid there are a limited number of free places available for Ukrainian refugees interested in the cultural experience. Bookings can also be made on Eventbrite.

The Liturgy of the Word

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

General Themes: *Jesus lived the Beatitudes and revealed them to his followers as a source of happiness.*

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Zephaniah 2:3. 3:12-13

Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145

Response: How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

Response

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

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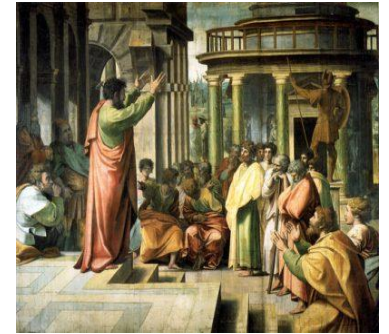
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Response

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.



Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:25

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven; this is how they persecuted the prophets before you.

